

## The Fellowship Introduces *The Urantia Book* to Russia



Lila Dogim of New York and John Lange of Fort Smith, Arkansas recently traveled to Russia to make a presentation on *The Urantia Book*.



By Melissa Wells

As Paul and the early evangelists of the gospel of Jesus worked in Rome, they many times heard stories of a Jewish tutor who had spoken words of hope quite similar to their Christian message. Paul and his colleagues never connected the Jewish tutor with the Master, whose earlier person-to-person ministry had prepared the way.

In a way, the story of introducing *The Urantia Book* to a group of spiritually hungry people in Russia is somewhat similar. It begins with a Russian poet, Andreyev, who during the 1950s was incarcerated for his free thinking and who covertly wrote during his imprisonment of concepts analogous to *The Urantia Book's* themes of destiny reservists, world government and morontia bodies.

The poet's books, protected by caring individuals, laid the groundwork for the

day when spiritual discovery would become a passion in Russia. More recently, a Russian lady named Tatyana Antonyan chose the word "Urania" to symbolize a growing spiritual movement in her land. She began publishing a periodical so named to spread the best spiritual and scientific thought to 60,000 readers throughout her country.

Last summer Lila Dogim, a native of Russia who has for many years resided in the United States and is active in the Fellowship, was introduced to Antonyan. The spark of recognition of similar spiritual interests led Antonyan to invite Dogim to speak on *The Urantia Book* at a conference sponsored by the Urania Foundation in Moscow during early November.

Dogim and John Lange, chairman of the International Fellowship Committee, journeyed to Russia, taking several

*Urantia Books* to give away. Lange presented a paper on *The Urantia Book* to the group of 150 truth seekers. "This meeting was attended by members of the Russian intelligentsia," he says. "The audience included scientists, engineers, sociologists, psychologists and religionists. Twenty to 30 presenters spoke on science, esoteric religion, astrology, ancient religious symbols, Jungian thought and wholistic health practices."

With the assistance of interpreters, Lange spoke on the Supreme, a fitting topic for the theme of the conference, "Sophia Will Return." "The conference was on the feminine experiential aspect of Deity," says Lange. "I presented the book from the angle of God the Supreme as God the Mother. The group received *The Urantia Book* as something they look forward to investigating."

Following his presentation, Lange answered questions from the audience, such as who wrote the book, what is *Urantia* and whether the book is part of a religious denomination.

"Russia is coming from a long time of spiritual repression," says Lange. "Religious life is beginning to re-emerge. People are seeking answers and looking for new truth. Although their living conditions are more basic and life is rugged, they have a strong spirit for survival and hope for the future. Whether or not they become students of *The Urantia Book*, time will tell. But from the level of interest from this initial presentation, there is a good indication that a study group may form with time."

"This was a seed-sowing experience," says Dogim. "It's interesting to see what will develop."

Lange is seeking copies of *The Urantia Book* to send to Russia. For those who would like to assist, please contact him at 5 Wynona Drive, Fort Smith, AR 72901, or call (501) 782-3263. □

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*Top left:*  
The Urantia Book was displayed with other texts at the Urantia Conference held recently in Moscow.



*Bottom left:*  
Houston Society hosted the International Fellowship Committee at its recent meeting in Houston.



*Right:*  
A mural of the worlds of Jerusalem being painted on the levee in Pueblo, Colorado

## One Conference, Two Languages Touch The World

By Barbara Hester

The 1993 International Conference of the Fellowship for readers of *The Urantia Book*, scheduled July 31–August 5 at the Auberge des Seigneurs in St. Hyacinthe near Montreal, will feature a program that offers a visionary yet practical approach to achieve its theme, "Touch The World." A multi-level format has been created based on Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of heaven.

The program has been organized into four phases rooted in Jesus' sermon on the realization of God's reign in the hearts of men (p. 1862). These include:

- The profound experience of spiritual living as a consequence of the individual's relationship with God the Father.
- The expansion of brotherhood as a result of a genuine community of God-knowing kingdom believers.
- The relationship between humankind and the superhuman kingdom of God, which emerges from the prevailing supermortal brotherhood on earth and in heaven.
- The dawning of a new social age resulting from the progress toward fulfillment of the will of God, the arrival of a more spiritual kingdom on earth and the realization of the Supreme.

In pondering how we can touch our world, IC93 program director Sue Tennant acknowledges the need to "understand our common divinity potential, foster the indwelling presence of God and cooperate wholeheartedly with this source of unity which directs us to lovingly serve the whole human family."

"The kingdom of heaven will be consummated only as we strengthen the patterns of our superhuman relationships, develop the bonds of our community relationships and enhance our real relationships with God the Father," says Tennant. "In order to touch the world, the people within the Urantia movement must be clear about how to apply the concepts of *The Urantia Book*; therefore, it is crucial to understand the simultaneous phases of the kingdom of heaven, the need for community and the new vision of God."

The program at IC93 will repeatedly explore each of these phases of the kingdom of heaven through several traditional methods and a few innovative techniques, including a roundtable discussion, a talk-show format, small workshops, workshops conducted in French and meetings for non-readers of *The Urantia Book*. The morning plenary sessions will be presented in both French



and English, with simultaneous broadcasts of translations.

A most intriguing aspect of the conference is that it will occur in the heart of French Canadian culture, which will be a new experience for many readers. "We will be in the midst of actual cultural and communication diversity, which can inspire us," says Tennant. "It is possible that our participation in this conference will lead to the first-hand experience of the patterns of spiritual unity and social harmony. The challenge that a bilingual, multi-cultural conference will offer should facilitate the conceptual changes needed to solve our world's urgent spiritual, social, economic and political problems."

Great effort is being made to assemble a conference which presents a panorama of diverse views, and fosters an experience of personal inspiration and an enhanced relationship with God the Father and one another. The ultimate hope is that we can all find our own unique way to touch the world.

For information about registering for IC93, please contact the Fellowship at 529 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, (312) 327-0424. □



# Judicial Committee Prepares Recommendations For Change

By Robin Robinson

February's mid-year meeting of the General Council in Boulder, Colo. could be a watershed event for discussion of the organizational structure of the Fellowship. The 36-member policymaking body will consider recommendations prepared by the Judicial Committee in response to constitutional reform resolutions proposed during the Triennial Delegate Assembly in mid-1991.

A subcommittee chaired by Judicial Committee member Steve McIntosh recently met at Wrightwood headquarters and crafted revisions to the Fellowship's constitution which respond to member requests for change. Others working at the intensive included Virginia Brown, General Council members Lee Smith and Larry Mullins and Judicial Committee member David Owen.

In the process of creating revision proposals, the group considered the work of two previous subcommittees that provided their research on organizational structures. Carolyn Kendall led a group that gathered examples of organization and administration as portrayed in *The Urantia Book*. General councilor Duane Faw's group examined the structure and function of other religious and secular organizations.

"We didn't want to do it in isolation," says Dave Elders, chair of the Judicial Committee and former president of the Fellowship. "Clearly the universe is set up in a structured way to allow creativity to take place. I think there's a real value in our grappling with this."

Judicial Committee members offered an abbreviated review of the pending proposals, not wanting to pre-empt the General Council's opportunity to learn the fruits of the weekend retreat. Proposals considered include:

- Direct election of representatives, instead of electing delegates every three years who in turn elect the General Council.
- Separation of the Executive Committee into an executive council, separate from the General Council.
- Separation of the Judicial Committee from the General Council into a judicial council.
- Initiation of an "active voting member" concept requiring minimum attendance, financial support or community service as a prerequisite for voting for general councilors.



L. to R.: Lee Smith, David Owen, Steve McIntosh, Larry Mullins, Virginia Brown recently met to recommend changes to the Fellowship structure.

Regardless of the outcome, the General Council will not act without the involvement of the 18 Fellowship societies. Any fundamental change in the Fellowship's structure will require rewriting the organization's constitution.

The Council does not have the authority to adopt the kinds of constitutional changes being proposed because those changes affect local autonomy, says Steve Dreier, president of the Fellowship and two-term general councilor.

"For example, giving each society basic representation by membership size versus all having one representative now would require a constitutional convention," he says. "And we've never had anything like that. Formal and informal discussions about the adequacy of the organizational structure have been going on for years."

"One of the common ones you hear is that the structure does not provide sufficient mechanisms for membership control, that the elected representatives do not adequately represent the membership," adds Dreier. "One society may have no one on the General Council, another may have four."

"There has to be a way for the societies to feed into the organization," says Avi Dogim, chair of the Charter Committee. "The triennial delegates could meet annually, rather than once every three years."

McIntosh sees the recommendations as consistent with the aim of making the Fellowship more responsive to its members. "Many people in the Urantia movement have been asking the Fellowship to become more democratic," he says. "We see a community-based social structure evolving. The main benefit of such a change would be further focus on the reader communities."

## A View Of Our Current Organizational Structure

Currently, the 18 Fellowship societies elect a representative to the Triennial Delegate Assembly, which meets once every three years to elect a dozen General Council members to nine-year terms. Those elected officials join 24 other general councilors who are one-third or two-thirds of the way through their own nine-year terms.

Once the society delegates cast their votes, their local representation is finished. Then, all business is conducted by the General Council or Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is made up of 14 General Council members: five officers and nine committee chairmen elected by the General Council. The Executive Committee meets quarterly, making decisions that drive the daily operations of the Fellowship. The General Council meets twice a year, focusing on policy matters. □



### SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The **Pilot Light Society** held its annual meeting after a Thanksgiving pot luck dinner. The meeting was attended by 60, who elected a new governing board. Children presented a program to those who attended, some coming from Vancouver. This is the society's fifth year to celebrate Thanksgiving in this fashion.

### SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The **Golden Gate Circle Society** is working on a 20-minute video presentation for **International Conference '93** in Montreal. The group met recently to plan a program celebrating Jesus' birthday for next August 21st, and is examining its constitution to see if revisions are necessary to promote an inclusive approach to achieving the goals of members dedicated to furthering the Fifth Epochal Revelation. The group is also studying ways to use the Fellowship's **FLOWERS Program**.

### LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The **First Society of Los Angeles** recently inducted 27 new members, and another 15 people are expected to join in the near future. The group has co-sponsored weekend events for area readers with the **School of Meanings and Values**, and recently organized a workshop led by Mo Siegel, chair of the Domestic Extension Committee, on promoting *The Urantia Book*. In September, the group had a booth at the Whole Life Expo in Los Angeles. "We sold nine *Urantia Books*," says Lucile Faw, secretary of the Fellowship, who worked at the booth. "People who had attended in previous years came back to buy the *Concordex* and *Paramony*. We generated about 60 new contacts from this event."

### GRAND CANYON SOCIETY

The **Grand Canyon Society** has put forth a nice creative effort for 1993 by creating and publishing a calendar which lists historical, society and Fellowship events for the year. The calendar, in a black and white format, includes provocative artwork. The group also recently received matching funds from the Fellowship's **FLOWERS Program** for local outreach projects.

### BOULDER, COLORADO

Boulder was a center of spiritual activity when the **Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship** hosted the first annual regional Frontier Conference during Labor Day weekend. Around 200 readers from Maine to California attended the event, which was themed "Proclaiming the Kingdom Then and Now." The weekend was devoted to the exploration of outreach and inner communion with God. Programs were presented by the local society, along with those made by members of the **Grand Canyon Society of Arizona** and the **Heart of America Society** in Kansas City. The importance of personal sharing, increased honesty and commitment and community building was studied intensively. A worship service in Fiske Planetarium provided an inspiring view of outer space levels. And those attending were asked at the conclusion of the event to spend time each day communing with God for discernment and direction; to commit to bring a new

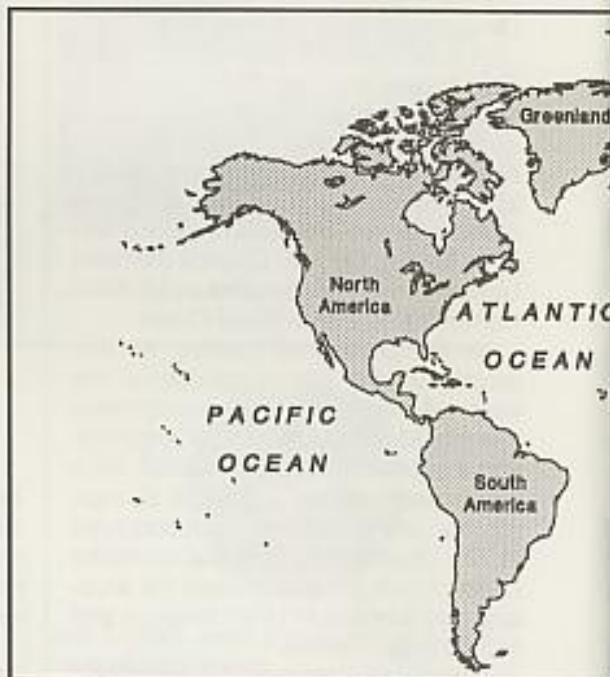
friend into the readership community during the year; and to participate in a community outreach project. The event is planned again for next Labor Day weekend in Boulder. The **First Society of Oklahoma** and the Arizona and Kansas City societies will organize the program.

The Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship inducted 40 new members into its society during 1992.

### PUEBLO, COLORADO

Members of the **Pueblo study group** worked on a unique outreach project this year. Led by the efforts of George Samaras and Buck Weimer, the group received approval from the Southeast Colorado Water Conservancy District to paint a 2,400-square-foot mural of the worlds of Jeru-

sem, as depicted in John Byron's Universe series post cards, on the levee of the Arkansas River in Pueblo. "Hundreds of murals have been painted on the levee, and the depiction of Jerusalem is adjacent to a site reserved for the Historic Mural, which will draw thousands of people," says Samaras. "Nothing succeeds like success. We now have sponsorship for the next mural and plenty of volunteers as well." The group plans to proceed with design next spring.



### OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

The Fall Forum, sponsored each year by the **First Society of Oklahoma**, met in Tulsa during November. Around 75 readers from Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado attended. The theme of the weekend meeting was "The Spirit of Truth," and included talks by five individuals with short personal sharings by others between each presentation. Fellowship president Steve Dreier spoke on living awareness of the Spirit of Truth and what it brings to us.

### HOUSTON, TEXAS

The **First Society of Houston** recently hosted the International Fellowship Committee during its meeting in their city. Members of the society observed the meeting and offered valuable insights on various projects of the committee.



### LAKE OF THE OZARKS, MISSOURI

The **Heart of America Society** held a spiritual retreat during October in the rustic setting of Missouri's Ozarks. Thirty-five people attended the weekend devoted to communing with nature and fellowshiping in spirit. A ceremony during the retreat included passing out candles and each person talking about

the World



spiritual light, leading to increased realization that by working together the group can produce a greater light. "This was a true retreat format," says Bob Bruyn, chair of the Special Projects Committee and secretary of the society. "The end result was an awareness of community and a feeling of connectedness with everyone."

### NEW YORK CITY

The **Society of Greater New York for Readers of the Urantia Book** sponsored a booth at the Whole Life Expo in New York in October. Twenty *Urantia Books* were sold at the expo. Many of those who came to the booth were familiar with the book through friends' recommendations.

### HAGENAU, FRANCE

The **Third International Encounter in France** for readers of *The Urantia Book* was held in Hagenu last August. The city is near Strasbourg in the Alsace region of northeastern France. The setting for the meeting was Maison de St. Gerard, a monastery-convent begun by the Redemption Order of Priests several centuries ago. Seventy people attended, representing many European nations, Canada, Australia and the United States. The conference theme was "To Have, To Be, To Do," and existential questions were applied to a variety of subjects animating contemporary religious life. "Although many languages were represented, com-

munication was facilitated by those who were bilingual," says International Fellowship Committee chair John Lange, who attended the event. "The spirit of fellowship was also stimulated by spontaneous walks and discussions on the [monastery's] grounds, by worship, music and meditation sessions. Partaking of the Alsatian food and wine was always a festive occasion."

### MOSCOW, RUSSIA

International Fellowship Committee chair John Lange made a 30-minute presentation at the First International Uranian Conference in Moscow in November. Five *Urantia Books* were handed out at the event and Lange was interviewed by Lithuanian television news reporters.

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### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE BRIEFS

Michael Wisenbaker of Dallas, Texas has been appointed to serve on the **Finance Committee** by the Executive Committee. Marlene Chicoine of Los Angeles has also been appointed to serve on the **Domestic Extension Committee**, along with Ann Garner of Arlington, Texas. These appointments will be voted upon at the upcoming General Council meeting in February in Boulder, Colorado.

The **Education Committee** has assembled the panel for its third Wrightwood Series. The topic is "Gender and *The Urantia Book*." Speakers include Stuart Kerr III of Troy, N.Y.; Alison Gardner of Sherborn, Mass.; Jeanne Melchior of Dubois, Ind.; Byron Belitsos of Norman, Okla., and Claudia Ayers and Larry Watkins of Sacramento, Calif. Presentations will study female roles, language of *The Urantia Book*, traditional roles of women in the church, male roles and complementary partnerships. The series is scheduled to meet late in May.

In November, the **Judicial Committee** sponsored a Wrightwood Series weekend for its subcommittees working on restructuring the organization of the Fellowship. Conclusions from this intensive will be presented to the General Council.

The **Publications Committee** is preparing a fourth venue in its family of publications offered to readers of *The Urantia Book*. The **Fellowship Forum** will publish presentations made at noteworthy events such as the Wrightwood Series, the Scientific Symposiums and International Conferences. The Fellowship Forum will be sold by special order at low prices to cover cost of production and will be available a reasonable time after these events occur.

Assisting the **Special Projects Committee** with its **Oral History** project, John Lange, chair of the International Fellowship Committee, interviewed former Urantia Foundation president Bill Hales and his wife, Mary Lou, who were both members of the Forum. The interview was recorded on cassette and a transcription is being made. Interviews are planned with other surviving Forumites, including Geraldine Hahn, Ruth Renn and Dr. Kenton Stephens.

The **Special Projects Committee** is preparing a second edition of the **Secondary Resource Guide**, which lists publications and related works of art resulting from study of *The Urantia Book*. The new edition is planned for circulation next summer. □



## Russian Group Learns About The Supreme

*Editor's Note: John Lange recently presented this paper at the Urania conference in Moscow. It is to be published in the Urania Foundation's newsletter, which has a circulation of 60,000 throughout Russia. Lange has been invited to write a column for the newsletter in subsequent issues.*

The Twentieth Century is a challenging time for the people of the world. Humankind has progressed in the understanding of the material world through scientific achievement, and in the realm of the mind by the deduction of philosophy and the development of new ideas. However, the spiritual growth of humankind has fallen behind success in the arenas of matter and mind. This unbalanced growth has failed to give life meaning, resulting in confusion and hopelessness.

I have been a student of *The Urantia Book* for 20 years and believe it to contain a new truth to help correct this lack of symmetry in spiritual growth. The purpose of *The Urantia Book* is to help illuminate human minds and to help save human souls. It clarifies concepts of deity and reality. It explains the interrelationship of matter, mind and spirit through their respective disciplines of science, philosophy and religion. It offers a new concept of evolutionary deity known as God the Supreme, or God the Mother, and it gives meaning to the three timeless questions of human existence: Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going (What is my potential destiny)?

These topics are examined in detail, but the underlying message is simple. God is our father, therefore all people are our brothers and sisters and we should treat them accordingly.

I will develop only a few concepts in *The Urantia Book* which are also discussed in this meeting. There are many other stimulating ideas which time will not permit me to elaborate upon. So I encourage you to look at a *Urantia Book* and discuss it with us following the presentation.

Understanding is gained by examining origins and eternity, and then working out toward results in time and space. From Page 1 of *The Urantia Book* I quote, "The Universal Father is the God of all creation, of all things and beings. First think of God as a creator, then as a controller, and lastly as an infinite upholder." God the Father is the face

He turns toward His children. When God created human beings, he decided to have children and not robots. So we are born as imperfect beings endowed with free will. This entails inevitable disaster. To overcome this, we are indwelt with a particle of God known in *The Urantia Book* as a Thought Adjuster. This is known in other religions as the Spark of God. This is an unerring cosmic compass leading us back to God. Through spiritual growth and conscious decision making, we evolve an immortal soul and over the lifetime achieve personality survival.

To help us and for us to help God, he brought into being another level of deity function. This is the Supreme Being or God the Mother. She is the God of Experience and the God of Evolution. She is the oversoul of creation and the womb of time and space from which the evolutionary universes will one day be borne into eternal perfection. Through service and experience, we contribute to the growth of the Supreme, God the Mother. Thus humans are challenged to live a two-natured spiritual life. Striving to live from the higher self (the evolving soul), humans, through prayer and worship find God the Father, and through service and experience know the Supreme, God the Mother.

The *Urantia* teachings serve to unify science and religion. The method of scientific inquiry was initiated over 400 years ago. The success of this process of investigating and interpreting material reality is self evident. This has been a process of observation, imagination, synthesis, individual courage and group understanding. To begin this process on the spiritual level will entail understanding an entirely new level of reality. Some aspects of this process will involve group wisdom, soul consciousness and understanding cosmic citizenship.

To summarize, students of *The Urantia Book* consider it a divine revelation of epochal significance. God values each of us as a unique and precious child. Each man or woman can find God the Father in his or her own heart, but they will have to search for the Supreme, God the Mother, in the hearts of their fellow brothers and sisters.

William James, the American philosopher, described the diversity of the world's religious life as the light of God

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## Spiritual Transformation Comes To Russia

Lila Dogim, a long-time reader of *The Urantia Book*, was born in the Ural Mountains of Russia. Her family moved to Moscow during her first year, where she lived until she was 14. Her environment was markedly atheistic.

"My parents were not religious," she says. "None of my friends believed in God. Atheism was a way of life. Individuals were not considered intelligent if they were religious. It was just a fact of life that there was no God."

Her spiritual transformation began when her family moved to Poland in her 14th year. "I became agnostic in Poland," says Dogim. "I came in contact with religious people who were intelligent believers in God."

Five years later her family moved to the United States. Subsequently, her favorite cousin Mark introduced *The Urantia Book* to Dogim. "Mark had read the book for a couple of years before introducing it to me," says Dogim. "He is very intelligent and skeptical. I trust his opinion. The book intrigued me. If I had been introduced to it by someone else who is religious, I would not have picked it up. He had credibility."

That's her story, and it merits study for those who would like to successfully share *The Urantia Book* with individuals from other cultures.

But what about the difference Dogim saw in her home land during her recent visit? What happened to atheistic Russia?

"It is a totally different country," she says. "Anything is permissible now. It's like the Wild West. People are doing everything new. Minister Gorbachev has become born again."

While in Russia, Dogim reacquainted herself with a childhood friend, Nina, who has a doctorate in math, has also developed a spiritual awareness. "She learned to listen to the voice within," says Dogim. "She was interested in *The Urantia Book* and I left a copy with her."

And in Tatyana Antonyn's vision of the word "Urania," Dogim sees the bigger picture of how our spirit helps spread truth. "Seeds are being sown in other cultures," she says, "so that the concept of *The Urantia Book* is similar to those beliefs." □



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Do you have an opinion on matters of interest to readers of *The Urantia Book*? The Editorial Page is your place to share what you think is important.

Letters for publication should be addressed to: Letters to the *Bulletin* Editor, The Fellowship, 529 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614 or FAX to (312) 327-6159.

I feel that defense of the copyright, though justified in the early days of publication, is no longer wise. I favor permitting various groups to make the message available in various forms, e.g., excerpts in small books for arthritic hands, audio cassettes, Braille, computer software, whatever need may be perceived by whatever group. Enough "inviolable" texts are out there to preserve authenticity.

Grace Boyles  
Meadville, MO

Why is the Urantia Foundation cutting off supply of *The Urantia Book*? Do you think that only 200,000 copies sold in 50 years is good? Many of us think that record stinks.

William W. Fiske, II  
Villanova, PA

I certainly pray all *Urantia Book* readers will be united again in their efforts to spread God's word.

Wendell & Carol Grassmyer  
Madison, IN

I hope the Fellowship will reorganize — all members should vote for the people to represent (on a geographical basis) the members and vote for the leaders and on areas where money is to be spent. I find it much easier to support an organization when I feel I have a say as to what happens.

Dave & Patty Pearce  
Raleigh, NC

Your efforts are appreciated and I will be glad to hear that we do not need a large organization with lots of committees. Perhaps encouraging us folks at the grassroots level would get you better gains for your efforts spent.

Thomas & Cassandra Orjala  
Coeur d'Alene, ID

I detest the politics that have crept into the Urantia movement, i.e., lawsuit on copyright, limiting the availability of books. I have friends who are 20-year readers to whom the Trustees have refused to sell books.

Jim Lindermann, Phoenix, AZ

## MATERIALS AVAILABLE AT THE FELLOWSHIP

### Free:

- Introduction to *The Urantia Book*
- The Fellowship Brochure
- Fact Sheet on the Fellowship
- *The Urantia Book: A Question of Origin*
- The Fellowship *Bulletin*
- The Study Group *Herald*
- On *Urantia Book* Study Groups
- Summary of Textual Changes Made in *The Urantia Book*

New Journal of the Fellowship (two issues per year)	\$8.00 U.S.	\$9.00 Intl.
Special Conference Issue of The Journal (Summer 1981)	\$4.00 U.S.	\$5.00 Intl.
Artist's Conception of the Master Universe	\$3.00 U.S.	\$4.00 Intl.
Study Groups for <i>The Urantia Book: Ideas and Suggestions</i>	\$2.50 U.S.	\$3.50 Intl.
Scientific Symposium I Special Issue of The Journal	\$5.00 U.S.	\$6.00 Intl.
Special Conference Issue I of The Journal	\$5.00 U.S.	\$6.00 Intl.
Special Conference Issue II of The Journal	\$5.00 U.S.	\$6.00 Intl.
Resource Guide for Secondary Works of The Urantia Book	\$3.00 U.S.	\$3.00 Intl.
1992-93 International Study Group Directory	\$1.00 U.S.	\$2.00 Intl.
Glossary and Pronunciation Reference for The Urantia Book	\$2.00 U.S.	\$3.00 Intl.

## Wrightwood Series: CALL FOR PAPERS

The Education Committee of the Fellowship has begun initial organization of the fourth seminar in the Wrightwood Series. The general subject of this program is the evolution of the new cult (see pp. 955-956). The goal is to explore in depth what *The Urantia Book* teaches about the origin, evolution and purpose of socialized religious activities, and to examine the relevance of these ideas to the activities of students of the book in modern planetary society.

Since the beginning of the revelation, many of its students have interested themselves in its social expression. Some readers have sought to introduce the book into existing religious groups, while others have tried to create original

book-focused organizations. Although readers vary widely in their individual socialization of personal religious experience, most would probably agree that it is important to learn from past mistakes.

Seminar participants will be selected based on expressed interest in the subject, qualifications to conduct and report research, and willingness and ability to commit significant time and effort to preparation, discussion and follow-through activities. A written, publishable research paper is required of seminar participants, although discussion questions, suggestions, opinions and insights are welcomed from all readers of the book.

For this program, appropriate research might include such areas as: how a cult develops, mistakes of the past, did Jesus intend to found a cult, central mysteries of *The Urantia Book*, cultic elements in the Urantia movement, etc. Although the viewpoint of a research project should be informed by careful study of the book, it is highly desirable to include historical and cultural data.

If you are interested in full seminar participation, please write to:

Education Committee  
The Fellowship  
529 Wrightwood  
Chicago, IL 60614



*"When man consecrates his will to the doing of the Father's will, when man gives God all that he has, then does God make that man more than he is." (1285)*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 10, 1993, First Society of Los Angeles meeting, Santa Monica, CA. Theme: "Your Personal Values—How Do You Look at Yours?" Contact Robert Burns, (714) 724-1050.
- Jan. 31, "Fifth Sunday" gathering of D/FW readers, Northwood Institute, Dallas, TX. Contact Ann Garner, (817) 265-8375.
- Feb. 5-7, General Council meeting, Boulder. Contact The Fellowship, (312) 327-0424.
- Feb. 12-14, Grand Canyon Society conference, Tucson, AZ. Theme: "Passing the Torch with Grace." Contact Arley Grubb, (602) 841-7649.
- Mar. 2, One-day Urantia conference, Montreal, QC. Theme: "Suite a une revelation, le Livre d'Urantia apporte reponses a nos questions." Contact Pierre Routhier, (514) 761-2378.
- May 28-31, Annual conference of Florida readers, Leesburg, FL. Theme: "Community within The Urantia Book." Contact Chris Johnston, (813) 989-1043.
- Jul. 31-Aug. 5, International Conference '93, Auberge des Seigneurs, St. Hyacinthe, QC. Theme: "Touch the World." Contact the Fellowship, (312) 327-0424.

## What was that word?

TOLERANCE is referenced many times in *The Urantia Book*. Jesus tried to impress upon his apostles the art of tolerance. As a young teen, Jesus mastered this art of tolerance over his conflict between honoring his parents and being loyal to his own personal religious convictions.

Throughout our universe career, we will constantly be reminded of and tested for tolerance. We will encounter all sorts of different beings, with diversified experiences as well as dissimilar interpretations. The understanding of these differences overlaid by love will be the measure of our tolerance.

Tolerance is not passive. It is an active adaptation to universe realities through the application of love preceded by the understanding of differences. Tolerance is essentially kindness and respect.

The practice of tolerance does not begin in the next (mortal) life; it begins here and now. The degree of tolerance indicates spiritual growth. "Tact is the fulcrum of social leverage, and tolerance is the earmark of a great soul." (\*1740)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A revised edition of the *Resource Guide for Secondary Works of The Urantia Book* is now being prepared. Secondary works are designed to supplement *The Urantia Book*, and can include study aids, introductory materials, slides and tapes, computer programs, graphics, publications, etc.. If you have a work to submit, contact the Fellowship now to obtain submission materials at 529 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614 USA, phone (312) 327-0424; FAX (312) 327-6159.

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The deadline for the early registration discount for the International Conference in Montreal has been extended to February 28. Take advantage of this savings! For more information, contact the Fellowship.

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Plan to attend the Spiritual Retreat prior to IC93. The retreat will begin Wednesday evening, July 28, at the conference site. It is being led by Gard Jameson and Adrienne Jarnagin. Space is limited to 30 people. Contact the Fellowship for more information.

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